

CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF LODI  
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
OCTOBER 28, 1964

This meeting of the City Council of the City of Lodi, regularly adjourned from October 21, 1964, was held at 8:00 p.m. of Wednesday, October 28, 1964, in the City Hall Council Chambers.

ROLL CALL Present: Councilmen - Culbertson, Dow, Kirsten, Walton  
(8:05 p.m.) and Brown (Mayor)

Absent: Councilmen - None

Also present: Recreation Commissioners - Reese, Salas,  
Veregge and Brown (Chairman)

City Manager Graves, Administrative  
Assistant Peterson, Planning Director  
Schroeder, City Attorney Mullen, and  
Superintendent of Recreation and Parks  
DeBenedetti.

HAM LANE  
R/W FROM  
T. DOYLE

City Attorney Mullen stated that in regard to the condemnation proceedings for the acquisition of right of way for Ham Lane from Mr. Thomas Doyle, the appraiser had set a value of \$4,000 on the needed right of way. Mr. Doyle is agreeable to accepting this amount and is also willing to dedicate 10½ feet along Lodi Avenue. Mr. Mullen recommended that he be authorized to settle with Mr. Doyle for the appraised value. Councilman Kirsten moved that the recommendation of the City Attorney be approved. His motion was seconded by Councilman Dow. Councilman Dow asked if Mr. Doyle would be taking care of any of the street improvements. Mr. Mullen stated that he had not discussed improvements with Mr. Doyle. (Councilman Walton arrived.) Councilman Dow said that in the future the City should have a statement of policy regarding curb, gutter and sidewalk to cover similar situations. The motion carried unanimously.

ROYAL HOST  
ADDN.  
RES. NO. 2772  
ADOPTED

The City Clerk presented a petition from all the owners of 26 acres of land east of Cherokee Lane between Lodi Avenue and Hale Road requesting that the property be annexed to the City as the Royal Host Addition. The annexation has been approved by the Local Agency Formation Commission of San Joaquin County and the boundaries thereof have been approved by the County Boundary Commission. On motion of Councilman Dow, Walton second, the Council adopted Resolution No. 2772 declaring the intention of the City to annex the Royal Host Addition and setting public hearing thereon for November 4, 1964.

I. BAKER  
RE LIND'S  
AIRPORT

Mr. Irving Baker, 508 East Lodi Avenue, addressed the Council concerning Lind's Airport. He said the City should take an active interest in acquiring an airport and should study the possibility of acquiring Lind's. He gave a description of the airport's facilities and cited its use by various companies in this area. He said an airport was important to Lodi's economy and suggested that a committee be appointed to study the possibility of acquiring Lind's airport. Councilman Dow moved that the matter be referred to the City Manager for study and report. His motion was seconded by Councilman Walton and carried unanimously.

LODI LAKE PARK AND MOKELUMNE RIVER AREA

Mr. DeBenedetti gave a brief report of Lodi's park program, stating that the Master Plan for Lodi Lake Park includes 13 acres which are presently undeveloped, but if they were developed they would go a long way to take care of the needs of Lodi for a long time. However, Lodi and the

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surrounding area will grow and more regional park areas will be needed. Therefore plans should be made so that in 30 or 40 years Lodi can expand and have open areas along the Mokelumne River. Lodi has plans for neighborhood parks which should be adequate for years to come. Mr. DeBenedetti stated that the Recreation Commission had wished to have this meeting with the Council to discuss such questions as how much area the City would like to acquire, what type of development should be planned, and how far the Commission should go in its study. Mr. Graves said that maintaining an interest in the river area without actually acquiring it might be accomplished by means of zoning or by obtaining scenic easements. He said the City will have to determine what long range project it is looking for, what type of development, and what means can be used for preserving the land for future development.

Councilman Dow felt that, in general, the City's aim should be the acquisition of both sides of the river from the Lake Park area to 99 Highway and the City should start now to protect its interests. He was in favor of preserving the river area in its natural state. Mr. DeBenedetti said that consideration of costs was a big item, pointing out that in addition to the price of the land, there would be the expense of its development and maintenance. He suggested the acquisition of both sides of the river up to the Willow Glen Subdivision which would give the City an additional 222 acres. He said the area could be left in its natural state; there was also the possibility of creating a lake three times the size of the present one. Mr. DeBenedetti also suggested the possibility of developing the south side of the river, giving consideration to some commercial aspects such as a nine-hole golf course.

In the opinion of Councilman Culbertson, the river area should be protected all the way to Lockeford and the City should contact the County about having this area preserved. Mr. Elmer Brown said the prime concern should be to keep the area in its natural state and that the newly formed County Recreation and Parks Commission, of which he is a member, would be giving it consideration. Both Mr. Graves and Mr. DeBenedetti pointed out the urgency of reserving land along the river because of access and policing problems and said this should include both sides of the river. It appeared to be the consensus that the City should work with the County to preserve the river area. Councilman Dow moved that the City Council go on record as approving the Recreation Commission endeavors in principle and that the Commission pursue its study and make a recommendation on the preservation and acquisition of Mokelumne River areas. His motion was seconded by Councilman Kirsten and carried unanimously.

City Manager Graves summarized the thinking of the Council as follows:

1. The Council is not limiting the scope of the study as to the area which should be preserved;
2. The primary interest is to search for means to preserve the area.
3. There is general agreement that the area should be reserved in its natural state; and
4. Discussion can be had with owners of the land, without any commitment, exploring the possibility of acquisition.

STORM DRAINAGE  
BASINS - SEE MINUTES OF NOV. 4, 1964  
AJOURNMENT

On motion of Councilman Walton, Kirsten second, the Council adjourned.

Attest: *Beatrice Garibaldi*  
Beatrice Garibaldi, City Clerk